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WOOL DUTY MUST DROP

That Is the Consensus of Opinion Expressed by Both Republicans and Democrats Following the President's Message.

BUT THERE IS A FIGHT BREWING

Senate and House Committees Will Begin Work on Tariff Bill Immediately After the End of the Holiday Recess.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congress will begin consideration of tariff legislation in committee of the two houses after the holiday recess, though the democratic leaders of the house say no measure will be ready to report for some weeks. Republican leaders of the senate, said the finance committee will begin its work in advance of the house, while democratic leader Underwood said the bill will not be whittled into final shape until February. The committee, he said, must decide just what rates should be fixed after thoroughly comparing its own data with the facts submitted by the tariff board in the report which President Taft submitted to congress today. Penrose announced he hoped the republican senators will be able to formulate a bill to comply with the tariff board's views.

"I'm sure," said Penrose, "that we will have a better bill than the wool bill passed during the extra session. The finance committee will take up the subject immediately after the holidays, but whether it will be possible to bring the democratic house to accept such a bill as we might formulate, I cannot say."

Representative Underwood said the president's message really pointed out the necessity for a great reduction of wool rates and that he had no doubt the house will carry out the suggestions made. The president, in his message, Underwood said, "seems placing a specific duty on scoured wool as a basis for the importation of raw wool instead of the duty on raw wool and increasing the duty on scoured wool. If the committee should adopt a specific rate for raw wool there might be much in the president's argument but I have no doubt the committee will exact an ad valorem instead of a specific duty. The president advocates an ad valorem duty on manufactured wool. In the bill passed this year in the special session rates were ad valorem based on import valuation in contradistinction to compound specific and ad valorem rates now exacted in the Payne-Aldrich law. The president says the present duties on wool and woolen manufactures in many instances are prohibitive. I have no doubt the ways and means committee will agree with him regarding the necessity for reduction. The message clearly justifies democratic members in passing the wool bill that the president vetoed."

Representative Dabell, of Pennsylvania, republican leader on the ways and means committee, said the message clearly showed why it is necessary to have wool legislation other than that proposed by the democrats at the last session of congress. Senator Brislow, who took a prominent part in the combination of insurgent senators with democrats that forced the tariff reduction bills through the senate at the extra session, said that if the president had signed the LaFollette wool bill last summer he would have corrected every abuse of which he complained and would have preserved ample protective duties for every American industry. Progressive republicans said they would support the same tariff revision this session. Senator Martin, of Virginia, democratic leader of the senate, said he favored still lower duties on wool "something like the Underwood bill."

Senator Warren of Wyoming, an extensive wool grower, expressed himself fairly well satisfied with the board's findings and the president's recommendations. Senator Lippitt of Rhode Island, successor to former Senator Aldrich, said the report proved the duties on some classes of fabrics "can well be reduced without injury to American industry."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Taft today sent to congress the report of the tariff board on schedule K and with it a message recommending that the rates of duty on wool and woolens be materially reduced. The report shows existing duties on many classes of wool and woolens are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in the cost of production here and abroad.

The duties are arranged, the report says, to keep out of this country the finer wool, which, if imported, might displace the substitutes now employed. Taft calls attention to these points, and urges that downward re-

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THAT BIG OFFER.

Large numbers of people have been taking advantage of the Republican's Christmas offer. Subscriptions at the \$5 a year rate are coming in rapidly, and it is certain that from this time until the end of the year hundreds of persons will avail themselves of this most liberal offer.

The rate is made to every body, old subscribers and new, residents and non-residents. Until the first of the year you can get The Republican for twelve full months—365 copies—for \$5, which is a little more than half price. It's the best Christmas present to be had and the "wise ones" will all take advantage of it.

MUST BE A REPUBLIC SAY REVOLUTIONIST

Wu Ting Fang Makes Speech at Conference Strongly Favoring Self Government.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.—"I'm convinced the abdication of the emperor and the establishment of a republic is the only thing satisfactory to the people of China, and which will prevent the further wholesale shedding of blood," declared Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kia, after the session of the peace conference today. Continuing, he said: "It will be difficult to persuade Yuan Shi Kia to abandon his plan of a limited monarchy, but we must use every endeavor to secure peace and end the awful bloodshed and suffering among the people. Feeling is not aware of the depth or strength of the popular feeling in the south. It is evident though it is somewhat astonished to find such a change from the attitude of patient forbearance to dogged, patriotic determination. Now it appears too late to save the dynasty."

Tang Shao Yi expressed the belief that the situation might have been saved at one time by a conference with the revolutionary leaders, and prompt assurance of adjustment of wrongs. He is also convinced there must be no foreign interference in the way of loans or otherwise.

Practically the whole session of the conference between the delegates of the imperial government and revolutionists today was devoted to Wu Ting Fang's speech in favor of a republic. Tang Shao Yi, whose powers are clearly limited, expressed his readiness to accept Wu Ting Fang's views, but declared the matter is so important that he must communicate with Peking, and suggested a settlement be left to the national assembly. Thus neither side presented any well defined scheme. It is announced the armistice was extended to December 20.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The government filed today a bill in equity against the Keystone Watch Case company, alleging it is operating in violation of the Sherman law. The bill asks that the company be restrained from further violations.

DYNAMITER MEETS A UNION LABOR LEADER

And Latter Was Said to Be Pale and Weak After Passing Through Ordeal.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—The federal grand jury investigating the dynamite outrages had Orrie E. McManigal as the first witness today. Later McManigal was placed where he could see all who entered and left the room during the morning. He was confronted by E. A. Clancy, a San Francisco labor leader, whom McManigal said he had met during his dynamiting trip to the west. Clancy emerged from the meeting pale and weak. Four to six indictments are expected before the end of the week, when the jury will adjourn.

Moving Ceremony.

Both Said "I Will"—Parson Skipped—They're in Phoenix.

EL CENTRO, Calif., Dec. 20.—Edward E. Boyd of Holtville, supervisor of Imperial county, and Miss Grace Jones of Holtville were married on the rear step of a moving train last night by Rev. Tolman. The couple where they will spend their honeymoon. The preacher stepped off as the train sped along.

THE GREAT UNWASHED.

Hobbes Will Meet in St. Louis for Annual Convention.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—In a letter received here from James Eads How, in St. Louis, How states he has called the national convention of "Hobbes" to meet here from January 1 to February 3.

BROWN GOT DECISION.

OAKLAND, Dec. 20.—George Brown of Chicago was awarded the decision over Fritz Holland of Spokane at the end of a ten-round bout tonight.

GOOD ROADS MEN GATHER

Public Spirited Citizens from Three States Met Here Yesterday to Discuss National Highway Matters.

MANY IN FROM GOLDEN STATE

Meeting in Day Time Was Followed By Banquet at Night, Which Was a Well Attended and Most Enjoyable Affair.

With a spirit of fellowship indicative of the heartiest cooperation, delegates from California, New Mexico and every county in Arizona, assembled yesterday responsive to a call issued by Governor Sloan, and organized the Ocean to Ocean transcontinental Highway association. Committees were appointed including an executive committee and one on legislation, to have charge of association business and interior as well as to boost things along right now. The matter of outlining the policy and work of the new organization by resolution is under way. Some minor resolutions including one thanking the people of Phoenix and Governor Sloan were passed but the convention came to a halt in the road, late in the afternoon, concerning the matter of designating a route for a national highway. The matter was left at adjournment, under a motion that the delegates of each state should caucus before the assembling of the convention this morning and report to it their recommendations concerning their respective states. Previous to adjournment Santa Fe, N. M., was fixed as the place of meeting a year hence and when adjournment was taken it was to accept the hospitality of the City club at a banquet at the board of trade rooms last night.

The delegates each held separate caucuses last night after the banquet, at their headquarters in the Hotel Adams. The matters at issue are chiefly that San Diego and Los Angeles are each desirous of being the coast terminus of the ocean to ocean highway. Both are willing to accept Yuma as the western Arizona gateway though Los Angeles would have preferred Ehrenberg, as its selection would have more nearly insured a direct route to Los Angeles via San Geronimo pass instead of the southern route via San Diego.

The Arizona delegates on the other hand, while quite unanimous as to their western gateway, and desirous of having Yuma, are divided somewhat as to the route the road will take across the territory, especially to the east of Phoenix. Northern Arizona favors a northern route as against that leading from Globe down through the upper Gila valley. Just what New Mexico has in the way of internal troubles was not peddled around the street, but presumably that commonwealth like the others has its own problems to work out, and Arizona is interested in New Mexico to the extent of wanting to know where that state can meet this one on mutual ground in the work of connecting their through road. After the caucus reports today the matter will probably have to be worked out on the convention floor.

The delegates assembled in the council chamber at the capital building at 10:20 yesterday morning and were called to order by Governor R. E. Sloan. The governor read the call for the convention and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to secure unity of action between the three states in establishing a system of highways that when built will form a connected system; to work for a national highway, and to secure legislation to that end, and to co-operate in the building of such a highway through the three states, and to consider and take such action as might be deemed proper in regard to any other matter of interest pertaining to the good roads movement.

The governor read a list of the delegates accredited to the three states, after which a temporary organization was effected by the naming of T. G. Norris of Prescott as chairman and G. P. Ballard of Phoenix as secretary. A committee of three was appointed on credentials—C. F. Ainsworth representing Arizona, John S. Mitchell representing California and J. C. McTavesh representing New Mexico. The committee reported, and the adoption of the report seated the following named delegates:

Delegates Seated.
California—Ralph C. Hamlin, Bert C. Smith, W. H. Halliwell, John S. Mitchell, Leon T. Shetter, Chester Lawrence, Thos. Sharley, F. W. Jackson, Winfield Hogaboom, P. W. Gavin, J. K. Cassidy, Rufus Choate, Clark Braly, W. W. Whitman, W. B. Clancy, F. P. Chubb, G. W. Wilder, K. Tuttle, G. R. Wade, H. B. Stewart, W. P. Beal, R. C. Jeckle, Frank Redding and C. N. Perry.

New Mexico—Solomon Luna, W. H. Gilchrist, B. Spitz, Alfred Crunsfield, J. E. Griffith, A. C. Abey-

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WRETCHED PRISONER MUTILATES HIMSELF

Pastor Richeson Inflicts Severe Wound With Piece of Tin While Alone in His Cell.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Cries and groans breaking the stillness of the early morning hours of the Charles street jail today led to the discovery that Rev. Charles V. T. Richeson, awaiting trial on the charge of having murdered Miss Avis Linnell, had mutilated himself severely with a piece of tin. So serious is his wound that it was found necessary to perform an operation immediately. Later in the day the surgeons said the operation was entirely successful and unless blood poisoning developed the prisoner probably would recover in two weeks.

County authorities, jail officials, and Counsel for Richeson refused to comment on the possible mental processes that led the accused man to injure himself, or what influence the act might have on future legal proceedings in his case. District Attorney Pelletier, who will have charge of Richeson's trial, which is set for January 15, asserted that the trial will begin on the date assigned. This was corroborated by Dr. Howard A. Lathrop, one of the surgeons who attended the prisoner.

Richeson's counsel will give no intimation as to whether the defense will seek a postponement or take any action because of Richeson's act.

It was about 4 a. m. when the jail attendants heard Richeson crying: "Doctor, oh doctor." The attendant summoned two others and they found the prisoner lying on the floor, bleeding and suffering great pain. The prison doctor said an immediate operation was necessary and three surgeons came from under the anesthetic he had nothing to say. By order of the surgeons he was not questioned by anyone and will be kept quiet until he regains his strength.

WOOLEN MAN EXPLAINS TARIFF BOARD REPORT

Says American Workmen Are Paid More, But Not More Efficient Than Foreigners.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—William M. Wood president of the American Woolen company, after reading the Taft message on the wool schedule, said: "After a cursory reading of the tariff board's report, it at once commands recognition as manifesting a remarkable knowledge of the industry. Condemnation of ad valorem duties by the board must convince anyone who reads it. As to the recommendation of the scoured basis, it is a novel experiment in the United States and its practicability must yet be demonstrated. In comparison between cost of production here and abroad, the report bears out the American manufacturers' claim that their cost is made up principally by labor, which is higher priced than the manufacturers of Europe employ. Moreover, it shows the higher wages here are not offset by superior efficiency of American Trust. It is apparent that the tariff board discovered that the efficiency of the American mills is not greater than the mills of Europe. The report as a whole confirms the need of substantially the same rate of protection as now embodied in schedule K."

AFFAIRS ARE JUMBLED.

Prospect That Defunct Western Steel Company May Be Reorganized.

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Two prospective bidders for the property and assets of the bankrupt \$20,000,000 Western Steel corporation were represented at a meeting of the creditors today. A telegram was also received from N. W. Jordan, former president of the American Trust company of Boston, one of the largest stockholders in the defunct corporation, saying that James A. Moore, promoter of the steel company, now in New York, is endeavoring to effect a reorganization for which a plan will be submitted in the near future.

IT'S WRETCHED WORK.

Vandals Cut Section from Historic Painting in Capitol Building.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Vandals entered the Capitol building last night and mutilated the "Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the collection of paintings which adorn the walls, corridors and stairways. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left hand corner. The strip was found on the floor. It can be replaced. The picture was painted in 1875 by W. H. Howell and shows Commodore Perry transferring the flag at a crucial moment in the battle of Put-in-Bay.

HISTORY IS RECALLED.

Vagrant Said to Be Relative of Great General Blucher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—An elderly woman, under arrest today for intoxication, is said by the police to be Countess von Blucher, wife of the late Count Gebhart Frederick Ludwig Adam von Blucher of Prussia, descendant of Blucher of Waterloo fame. He graduated from Heidelberg and served as an officer in the Franco-Prussian war, and died in New York a year ago last May.

BORAH ROASTS BIG BUSINESS

And Little Business, Too, Comes in for Drubbing at the Hands of the Fiery Senator from the State of Idaho.

STANDARD OIL IS GIVEN TRIMMING

Speech Dealt with Obedience to the Law Which, the Senator said, Is the Foundation of All Successful Government.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, at the Young Republican club tonight, made an address that breathed fire in every word for "lawless big business" and little violators of the law as well.

He drew a significant comparison between the McNamees, the confessed dynamiters, the old Standard oil and Tobacco companies.

"To save their worthless lives," he said, referring to the dynamiters, "they entered pleas of guilty, insisting that they did it all for principle and expect an astonished world to accept their whining apologies."

"There is another court record which we will in passing, notice also. Found up in many volumes you will find the full record of two of the late noted decisions. It is a tale told of selfishness and greed, extortion and lawlessness. The plea of justification is not unlike the plea of the planters of dynamite, for although the acts are clearly in violation of the law and the rights of the public, it is claimed nevertheless, that it was all done in the interest of business growth and industrial progress."

"This is the best plea and the only plea that twentieth century business can furnish—all that could be said by those so rarely gifted and richly endowed with this world's goods and intellectual power, and of whom the government and humanity have a right to expect so much."

Respect and enforcement of the law was one of the keynotes of Senator Borah's address. Obedience to the law he said, was the bedrock on which powerful governments are built, and he believed this a time when a political party could afford to make it a cardinal tenet of its faith. In no other first rate nation, he said, is law so disregarded as in the United States.

"There is no place where life is so insecure against bomb or bullet, where criminal laws are so ineffectively enforced, where corruption is so little condemned in public opinion and where defiance of law in the highest walks of business life so generally prevails. To leave law unenforced, to cultivate a disregard for its obligations is but to follow the ground so that in after years there may be one law for the poor and another for the rich," said Mr. Borah.

He added that the McNamee cases and the trust cases were strong and uncontested evidence of what is fast becoming a national disease. He said he had no sympathy with the prosecution of business men who erred unknowingly.

"I refer alone," he said, "to that class who sit in their offices with trained lawyers and plan how they may evade the law and its penalties. If a man lies in wait for his adversary and slays him, unprovoked, will it be a defense for his lawyer to say to the court that his client has always had difficulty in distinguishing between voluntary and involuntary manslaughter?"

"It is not only of the things condemned by the rule of reason, but by the dictates of conscience and common honesty that the public complain. I do not enter a defense for anti-trust laws. I am frank to say I doubt both its efficiency and completeness. But it is the law and if half the energy and ingenuity of our business men had been put forth to perfect it, that has been expended to successfully violate it and make it worthless, we would long ago have had a law which would protect all legitimate business and make all business legitimate."

"I sympathize sincerely with the man who in his hunger or his disappointment, in discouragement or despair, thinks he can better conditions by taking the law into his own hands. In the hour in which order shall be driven from its high place in the temple of liberty and in which lawlessness and might shall come in its stead, in the fearful struggle to follow, the first man to go to the bottom to remain there will be the man who tells."

"But how shall we excuse or long sympathize with the man of influence and position, of wealth and prestige who still by word and deed teaches disrespect for or defiance of the law? Does he not know that it is useless to long expect law and order in the common walks of life when lawlessness reigns supreme in the upper air?"

"The danger lies in procrastination. We learned once at tremendous cost

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GOT LIFE TERM.

J. A. Taylor, indicted for the murder of Guy C. Killgore, August 23 last, and who on Monday entered a plea of guilty, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Kent to a life term in the Florence penitentiary. Some testimony has been taken since the plea was entered in alleged mitigation of the offense.

One of the matters at issue in the case was the authorship of some letters received by Mrs. Taylor and to which the name of the defendant was signed. Taylor denies having written the letters and yesterday asked that he be permitted to write similar letters and that comparison then be made by a labor union to which he belongs.

PRESIDENT HOPES FOR REDEMPTION OF PARTY

So Expressed Himself in a Speech He Delivered in New York Last Night.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—President Taft left at midnight for Washington, after thirty busy hours in New York, declaring in the last of his series of addresses that one of the chief faults of this age is that the people are living too fast. During his visit here the president spoke at five dinners, laid the cornerstone of a new home for the blind, did Christmas shopping and received many political leaders as callers. The president, in his speech before the New York Young Republican club, said:

"Effective reform cannot be made in two days, either inside the party or by breaking up an old party and founding a new one. The question for every man is, Has the party with which he is affiliated material in it to carry out his ideas for reform, or is it necessary to join a new party to gain them? I still hope for the redemption of the republican party."

Before this speech the president joined 1,500 members and guests of the Auto Club of America at a banquet at the Waldorf Astoria, and for half an hour talked in a genial vein that kept his hearers almost constantly laughing and applauding. He took occasion to declare himself emphatically against opening the national treasury for building great highways. Mr. Taft said no doubt the government has the power, but he added: "I venture to question the wisdom of opening the national treasury for money to use that way." The state and neighborhood, acting as a unit, were the proper sources to look to for both building and maintaining roads, he said.

DELANEY MAY DIE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Billy Delaney, the famous trainer of prize fighters, is confined to his home in Oakland from a serious illness, from which he is not likely to recover. Friends say he will never, in any event, again enter a training camp. Delaney in his time trained many champions, Corbett, Jeffries and Johnson included.

POINT WAS WON IN THE SHIPPING CASE

Court Overrules Demurrer Interposed to Government's Complaint by Association of Ship Owners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The full bench of the United States circuit court overruled today demurrers interposed by the Hamburg-American steamship company and other transatlantic lines forming the Atlantic conference, against the government's suit for dissolution of the conference. The government's contention is that the conference, by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, is a trust in restraint of trade, and the injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement. Judge Noyes said that the contention that the combination was formed in a foreign country is immaterial, as it affected the commerce of this country and was in operation here. Defendants are cited to answer the government's complaint in February.

RABBIT ESCAPED.

Woman Attempts to Kill Bunny, But Shoots Self Instead.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Louise Wilhelm of Hyde Park, a suburb, and the mother of twelve children, the youngest two and a half years old, was instantly killed today, when she attempted to shoot a rabbit through the window of her home. The trigger of the rifle caught on the window casement as Mrs. Wilhelm was about to take aim, and the weapon was discharged, the bullet entering her forehead.

MACK WILL QUIT.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Because of the failing condition of his health, Norman E. Mack, chairman of the national democratic committee, wrote friends here today he is desirous of relinquishing his position, as he does not feel able to conduct another campaign.

THOMPSON IS GUILTY.

Federal Court Convicts Prominent California Lawyer of Serious Crime.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Fred H. Thompson, one of the best known criminal lawyers in Southern California, indicted for receiving money he knew to be stolen from the money order department of the local postoffice by Orlando Altorre, a clerk, was found guilty by a jury today. Sentence will be passed next Wednesday. Thompson was remanded to the custody of the sheriff. Altorre was convicted of stealing the money and was sentenced to the federal prison at Leavenworth and later was pardoned by President Taft. He testified against Thompson.

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